



# JACK DOYLE

## MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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### **YOUTH BUREAU SECURES FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR HOMELESS YOUTH PROJECT**

*\$327,000 grant will support services for homeless youth*

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today announced that the Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau has been awarded a \$327,000 grant to continue its Homeless Youth Project for an additional three years. The grant, from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Supportive Housing Program, will support a joint effort by the Youth Bureau, Hillside Children's Center and Monroe County Department of Social Services to provide services to homeless youth ages 16 to 20.

"We are very pleased that the federal government recognizes the value of the Homeless Youth Program," said Doyle. "This program enables Monroe County and our partners to provide critical services to the young people in our community who are most in need."

The Homeless Youth program provides homeless youth with one-to-one, individual case management services. The program helps address immediate needs like food, clothing, shelter, and health care and also provides on-going support to promote stable living, education, and employment. The goal of the program is to serve 100 homeless youth per year. Since its inception in 1997, the program has served more than 464 young people in our community. The federal grant is dedicated to the Homeless Youth Project and cannot be used for other purposes.

"We are very fortunate to have these additional funds to provide services to this population of young persons," said Doyle. "This is an example of community service partnerships that have come together to meet a critical need in our community."

This year's grant award marks the third time the program has received funding from the Department of Housing Development. "The recognition this program has received from the federal government is a result of the hard work and dedication of the people involved in this project," said Doyle. "Young people on the street are at risk and the federal support we receive for this program helps ensure we can provide them with the important services they need."

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